



Bringing the County Closer to You!

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Coming Together for Peace: A Rally to End Gun Violence
Sunday, December 20 5:00pm-6:00pm
Old Grey Courthouse
27 Courthouse Square, Rockville, MD 20850

[Click here to download event flier.](#)

2015 Annual Legislative Breakfast

More than 800 elected officials, government and business representatives, and community leaders from throughout Montgomery County and the State of Maryland were on hand for this year's Committee for Montgomery's 2015 annual legislative breakfast at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. The legislative breakfast serves as the unofficial kick-off to the legislative session in Maryland. The focus is on economic development, education, transportation, and voter engagement.



Pictured (l to r) are: Moderator and News Channel 8 Host Bruce DePuyt and panel members Washington D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett, and Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker.

County Executive Leggett to Hold Public Forums on the FY17 Budget

This is a great opportunity for the community to provide input for the County's budget for fiscal year 2017 which begins on July 1, 2016 and ends on June 30, 2017. Come out with your questions and suggestions! Click on a location below for address and map.

- [Eastern Regional Services Center: January 6, 2016.](#)
- [BCC Regional Services Center: January 11, 2016.](#)
- [Silver Spring Civic Building: January 20, 2016.](#)
- [Mid-County Community Recreation Center: January 21, 2016.](#)
- [BlackRock Center for the Arts: January 25, 2016.](#)

All of the forums will begin at 7:00pm.

The County Executive announces his Recommended Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget in March. The County Council must approve the operating budget by the end of May.

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, call 240-777-6507, TTY 240-773-3556 or email a request to Karen.falcon@montgomerycountymd.gov

The Officer Noah Leotta Memorial Blood Drive



Wednesday, December 23 8:00am-3:00pm
Montgomery County Public Safety Headquarters
(1st floor conference room)
100 Edison Park Drive, Gaithersburg

Please join the Montgomery County Police Department in giving the gift of life by donating blood in honor of Officer Noah Leotta. Sign Up: [Online](#) or call Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767

All donors are urged to register online so the Red Cross can adequately staff. Walk-in donors will be accepted but may have a longer wait time. Donors will receive a Red Cross long-sleeve black T-shirt and Buffalo Wild Wings and Chick-fil-A food or coupons.



Join the 100 Mile Challenge!



Kick off Event: January 20, 7:00pm-9:00
Holiday Park Senior Center
3950 Ferrara Drive, Silver Spring

Program: January 21 through April 29, 2016

As part of the Move More Montgomery Initiative, Montgomery County's Department of Recreation is now registering residents for the 100 Mile Challenge. Walk, jog, run a mile a day for 100 days or participate in 20 minutes of continuous physical activity . . . it all counts as one mile!

Register online at www.Activemontgomery.org (use Activity #12252) For more information, call 240-777-6840.

Leggett Seeks Applicants for Rustic Roads Advisory Committee

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill one vacancy on the Rustic Roads Advisory Committee for an individual with knowledge of roadway engineering through practical experience and training. **All members must be Montgomery County residents.**

The Rustic Roads Advisory Committee consists of seven voting members. Its duties include promoting public awareness of the Rustic Roads Program, and reviewing and commenting on: the classification of rustic roads, development proposals that affect rustic roads, and executive regulations and policies that may affect the Program.

Members serve three-year terms without compensation, but are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. The committee meets at least six times per year; usually the fourth Tuesday evening of each month at 6:00 PM in the Executive Office Building in Rockville.

County Executive Isiah Leggett is committed to representation on all of the County's boards, committees, and commissions that is reflective of, and responsive to, our County's residents. Public participation contributes to the work of County government and provides an important service to the community when a variety of issues, concerns, and viewpoints are presented. Currently, there is a valuable opportunity to serve on the following:

The deadline for application is January 13, 2016.

For details on how to apply, visit <http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/BCCpublic/ViewJob.aspx?id=77>

Montgomery County Council to hold public hearing on Jan. 19 on bill regarding taxicab credit card transactions

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/news/pr/pr_details.html

Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection Helps Residents Reduce Waste and Litter by Offering Free Reusable Bags

Plastic bags are one of the top four litter items found in County streams. Using eco-friendly bags when doing all shopping is a way for residents to help reduce the amount of waste generated and keep our local waterways clean. The County has one of the highest waste diversion rates (the combination of recycling rate and source reduction activities) in Maryland. The ongoing recycling efforts by residents, employees and others are essential for the County to meet its ambitious recycling goal. Read more at http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?PrID=15611



Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Christmas Day, December 25 and New Year's Day, January 1:

County Offices – closed

Libraries – closed December 25, 26 and January 1, 2; all branches will close at 6 p.m. on December 24 and 31

County Liquor stores – closed December 24 and 31 at 7 p.m.; closed December 25 and January 1

Recreation – all facilities are closed on December 25 and January 1; senior centers, community and neighborhood recreations centers will be closed Friday, December 25 through Friday, January 1; aquatics to close at 3 p.m. on December 24 and 31. Contact aquatics facility directly for modified holiday schedules

Montgomery Parks - for holiday operating schedule on Parks' facilities, including Brookside Gardens, ice rinks, tennis centers, trains and carousels, visit www.MontgomeryParks.org

Ride On – Sunday schedule on December 25 and January 1; limited weekday service until 10 p.m. on December 24.

Metrobus – Sunday schedule

Metrorail – Sunday schedule

TRiPS Commuter Stores (Silver Spring and Friendship Heights) -- closed

Refuse/recycling pickup – no collection*

Transfer Station – closed on December 25 and January 1; Transfer's Station's public drop-off area will close at 5 p.m. on December 24 and December 31

Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters – free

MCPS Administrative Offices – closed December 24 and 25 and January 1

State offices and courts – closed

*Collection for Friday provided one day later for remainder of week (last collection day is Saturday)

Did You Know? . . .

At the 10th Annual Global Forum on Human Settlements, held at the United Nations headquarters in October, the Kentlands in Gaithersburg was among three international communities to be honored as a Global Human Settlements Model of Residential Area. The other two communities are in China. The award was presented to the urban planning firm of DPZ Partners (Duany Plater-Zyberk). The Kentlands was built 25 years ago.

View a video prepared by DPZ [here](#) (*Footage courtesy of Duany Plater-Zyberk*)

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/cs/templ.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>